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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Steve Isom)
Serial No. 08/905,701)
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For: **METHOD OF SEQUENCING COMPUTER
CONTROLLED TASKS BASED ON THE
RELATIVE SPATIAL LOCATION OF
TASK OBJECTS IN A DIRECTIONAL
FIELD**)
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Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action dated January 3, 2001, the following is submitted:



In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, and 29 as follows:

1. (amended) A method for sequencing a plurality of tasks performed or controlled by a computer, comprising:

a) placing task objects in [a] an at least two-dimensional directional field having a user-changeable directional attribute, wherein said task objects represent the tasks to be performed by said computer; and

b) sequencing, by said computer, of one or more of the task objects in the ^{area} directional field based on the relative spatial location of the task objects in the directional field and the directional attribute of the directional field.